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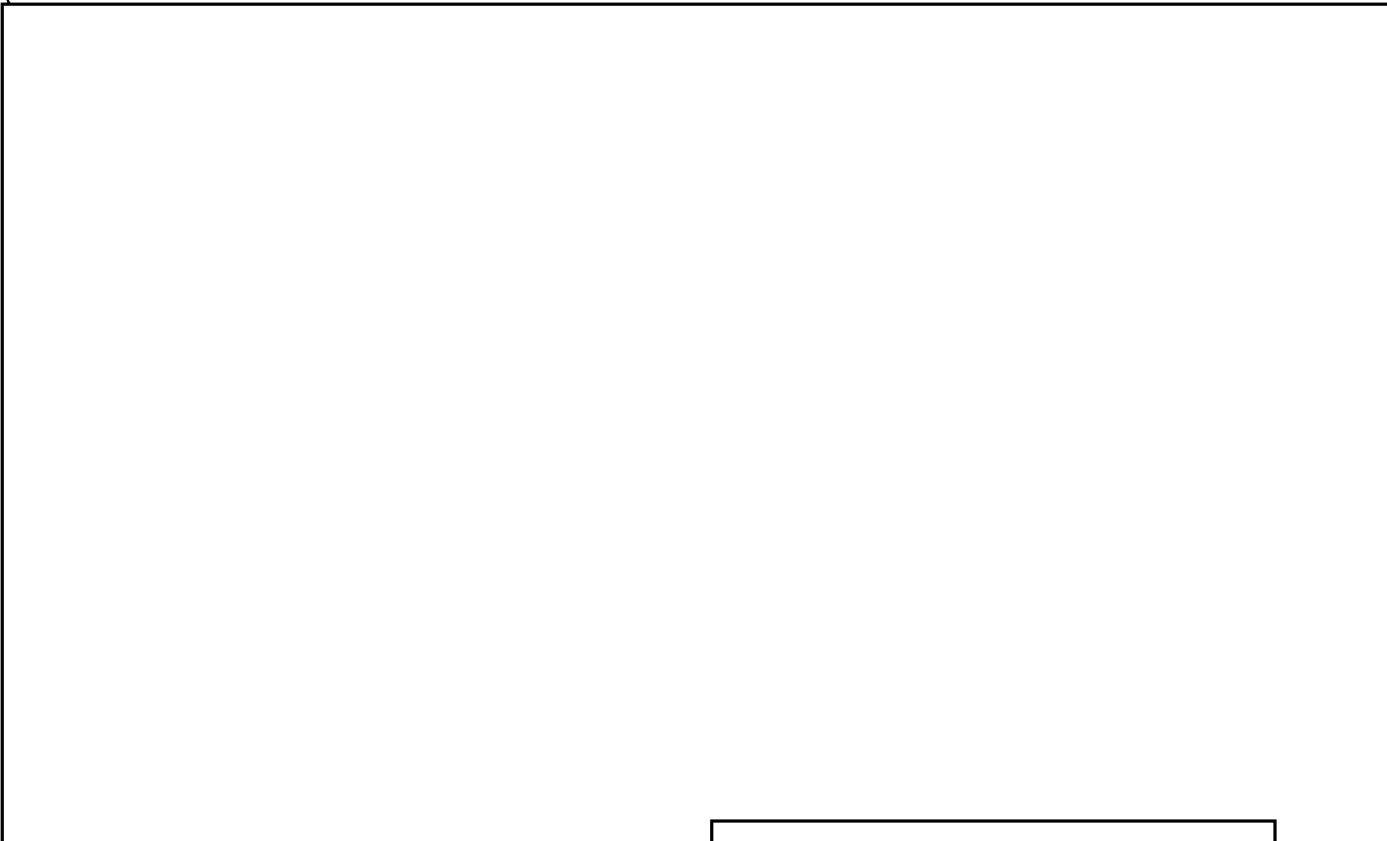
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8. [redacted] Mr. Robert Hull, Department of State, called to report that the proposed foreign service retirement amendments which had been under consideration for the last several months have been cleared in the Department for transmittal to OMB for Congressional clearance and that he will send us copies for our review.

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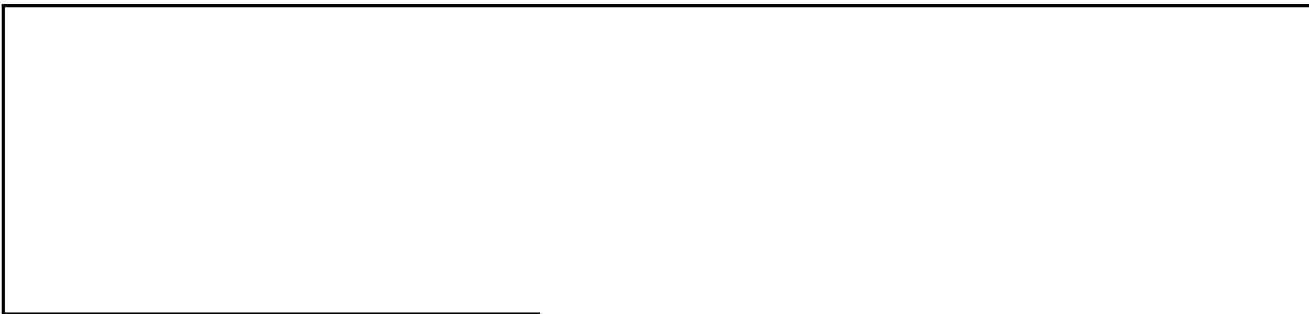
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[redacted] David Abshire, Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, called to say he understands the State now plans to go into executive session Monday, 7 June, to discuss the Macose-Mowenstein report on Laos, and Abshire wondered whether we would want to participate in briefing Senators Hugh Scott and Robert Griffin whom State had selected to try to keep the discussions in the executive session on the tracks. We said we had planned to brief Senator Stennis and possibly Senator Jackson regarding our part of the problem, and Abshire and I agreed that State would brief Scott and Griffin to handle policy questions.

I later discussed Monday's executive session of the Senate with Harry Symmes, Abshire's deputy, telling him that we planned to provide Senator Stennis with statistics on the number of Senate briefings we had given, and the number of senators who had been briefed, on the Agency role in Laos. I suggested that Symmes might want to dig out the figures on the number of briefings they had given the Foreign Relations Committee regarding the U.S. role in Laos and provide them to Senators Scott and Griffin. Symmes thought this a good idea and said he would see what statistics were available.

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[REDACTED] Accompanied Messrs. James Frey and James Taylor, of OMB, and Mr. John Clarke, OPPB, to a meeting with Messrs. Woodruff and Preston, of the Senate and House Appropriations Committee staffs. At the meeting Mr. Frey brought up the subject of interim funding for Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty and proposed a transfer of funds from DOD to CIA in an amount equivalent to one year's budget for the Radios. Woodruff opposed but said he would take up with Senators Ellender (D., La.) and Young (R., N. Dak.) an alternative proposal made by Mr. Frey to carry interim funding under the continuing resolution. Mr. Preston indicated that Mr. Mahon has previously indicated that he has no objection to the continuing resolution approach. (See Mr. Clarke's Memorandum for the Record) Mr. David Abshire, Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, was advised of the discussions.

Bill Woodruff called later to say that he had talked with Chairman Ellender about the Radios and Ellender has told him that he would not agree to any continued funding of the Radios which was not in the open. With regard to the use of the continuing resolution, Woodruff said Ellender "didn't say yes and didn't say no." He added, however, that if the Administration wished to use the continuing resolution approach, Ellender would want a letter from "somebody" to this effect. He said the letter should also indicate that there is no objection to the Chairman's stating on the floor at the time the resolution is considered that it contains interim funds for the Radios pending action on the Case bill. Woodruff said again that Ellender is not in favor of continuing the Radios and is willing to help with an appropriation to cover the cost of their termination. Mr. Abshire is being advised of this development.